



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. 2

City Manager Approval [Signature]

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Valerie Harris, Chief of Police
Date: January 11, 2010
Subject: Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Funds

The Issue

Should the City Council approve the acceptance of \$16,580.00 of additional grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), issued through the State Office of Emergency Services, for the purpose of purchasing three in-car camera systems and the necessary hardware and software needed for implementation?

Conclusion and Recommendation

Based on our research, Staff is recommending that the City Council by RESOLUTION hereby ratify and approve acceptance of DHS grant funds and authorize the purchase of three in-car cameras and execute all documents required to implement the plan.

Background

The Auburn Police Department is continually working to improve the safety, operations and efficiencies of patrol services, while utilizing technology to enhance safety and improve operational effectiveness. This effectiveness includes tools that will improve the identification, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of persons involved in criminal activity. The additional technology system requested provides the City the opportunity to purchase, with funding available from a DHS grant, and the ability to expand and roll out additional in-car cameras as funding becomes available.

In October, 2007, the County Board of Supervisors approved \$146,805 for the In-car camera system pilot programs with 2007 DHS grant funding. This included a pilot program and start-up for the Auburn Police system, as well as system start-up and cameras for the city of Lincoln and Placer County. Since that time, testing was undertaken at all three Departments to determine the appropriate equipment and initial coverage. Auburn City Council approved an initial disbursement of DHS pilot project funds totaling \$25,890.00, in April 2009. Two cameras were subsequently implemented at Auburn and have been proven to be an effective investigative tool.

This secondary project funding request consisting of (\$16,580.00) from the 2007 DHS grant funds has been segregated solely for the Auburn Police Department camera system expansion. DHS funds are intended for purchase of all hardware, installation, and support costs associated with the installation of three additional cameras in three patrol units.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Proceed with Staff Recommendation
2. Do not proceed with staff recommendation

Fiscal Impact

The costs of this secondary project will be reimbursed from the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program (\$16,580.00) after the purchase of the requested equipment. There are no annual costs for the in-car camera hardware as the purchase price includes a five-year warranty. The on-going costs will be absorbed in the department's base budget operations. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

1 RESOLUTION NO. 09-

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3 RESOLUTION APPROVING DEPARTMENT HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)
4 GRANT FUNDS FOR POLICE IN-CAR CAMERAS
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6 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

7 That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby ratify and
8 approve the Auburn Police Department's installation of three additional in-car
9 camera systems with supporting software/hardware for a cost no greater than
10 \$16,580.00; 100% of project costs paid for by Department of Homeland
11 Security (DHS) Grant monies payable upon completion of system installation.
12 This funding is in addition to DHS funds totaling \$26,580.00 previously given
13 to the City for the purchase of two in-car cameras systems and associated
14 costs for hardware, installation, and training.

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16 DATED: January 11, 2010

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18 Bridget Powers, Mayor

19 ATTEST:

20 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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22 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
23 that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City
24 Council of the City of Auburn held on the 11th day of January 2010 by the
25 following vote on roll call:

26 Ayes:

27 Noes:

28 Absent:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

